REQUEST **FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)** TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/917,741
Filing Date	July 31, 2001
First Named Inventor	KAZUNORI MASAKI
Group Art Unit	2142
Examiner Name	D. Blair
Attorney Docket Number	03500.015637.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. X Previously submitted i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 20. 2006 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Other b. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Other b. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) V. Other 2. Miscellaneous a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of auspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) b. Other a. X The RCE tee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed a. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-3939 i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) iii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) b. Check in the amount of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ is enclosed c. Payment by credit card (From PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Name (Print/Type) Edward K.Mett/ Date October 18, 2006	NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 28, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may with to consider filing a continued procession application (PPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(q) (PTA) (SSE29) instead of a RICE to be eighted for the patient term adjustment powersion of the AIPA. See Charges to Application Examension and Provisional Application Practice, first 1812, and 1812 (See 1812)								
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